

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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JOINT VENTURE WITH US COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is looking for a joint participation in defence system development and manufacturing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India has also agreed to have a joint venture with US companies in defence sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which the India will be benefited by this agreement?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

- (a) & (b): It is the policy of Government to facilitate greater industry-to-industry collaboration in high technology areas for the benefit of the Indian defence industry.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) Does not arise.